

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (clean copy)

A mutual rating system in which objects, such as users, content, and terminal devices, on a network can be rated and ratings for the objects can be checked without using a server. In the rating system, objects (users, content, terminal devices, etc.) associated with a network are rated. The mutual rating system is connected to the network, and includes a plurality of third party terminals having stored therein rating information related to objects previously rated by the user, and content demanding terminal devices for collecting rating information related to desired objects from all online rating information storing terminal devices. Each content demanding terminal device analyzes rating information collected from the third party terminals to obtain a rating for a desired object.